

# BAR HILL NEWS

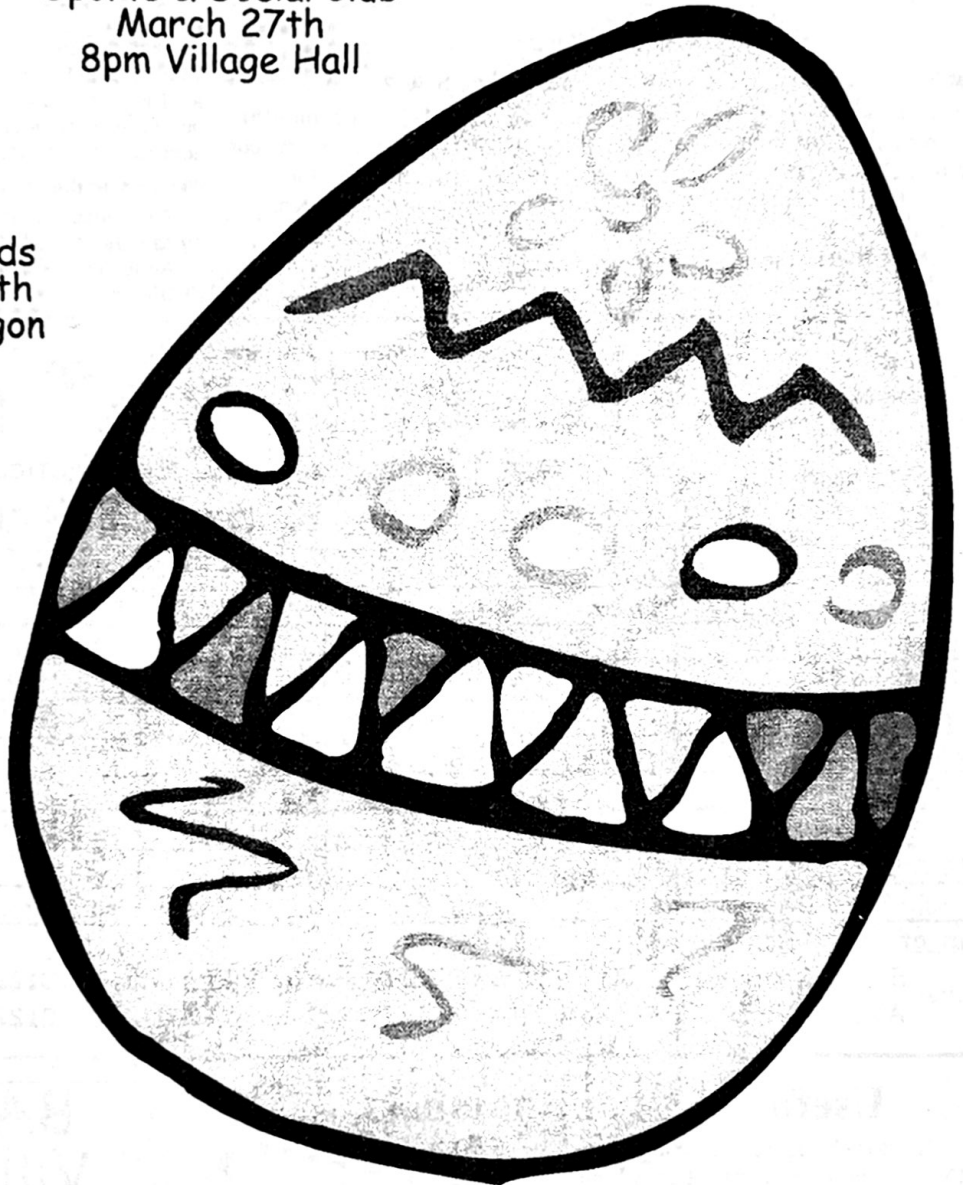
March '02 No. 385

AGM  
Sports & Social Club  
March 27th  
8pm Village Hall

AGM  
Tots & Teds  
March 27th  
8pm Octagon

Joseph  
March 21st, 22nd,  
23rd

St. Patrick's Day  
March 17th



## Easter at Bar Hill Church

### ***Palm Sunday: 24th March***

8.00am Holy Communion  
10.00am Family Parade Service  
6.30pm Communion Service

### ***Maundy Thurs: 28th March***

8.00pm Holy Communion

### ***Good Friday: 29th March***

10.00am 'Reflection' Service

### ***Easter Sunday: 31st March***

6.00am Dawn Service  
10.00am Family Communion  
6.30pm No evening service

# Bar Hill Residents' Association

## 02/03 Committee

|   |                   |        |                    |
|---|-------------------|--------|--------------------|
| Chairman  | Mr R Hall         | 780304 | 11 Almond Grove    |
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## The Objectives

The objectives of the Association are to act as an intermediary between the Residents and other parties, to keep Residents informed of matters of importance and recreation in and around the Village, and to promote the interests of Bar Hill. Opinions expressed in this publication are not necessarily those of the Association.

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|--|-----------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------|
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| Commercial 'Maxi' Ads.                               | £5                    | Editor                           | 15th                 |
| Commercial 'Mini' Ads.                               | £2.50                 | Editor                           | 15th                 |
| Articles, 'What's On',<br>'For Sale', 'Lost & Found' | free                  | Editor                           | 15th                 |

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Anonymous letters cannot be published, but names and address may be withheld at the Editor's discretion.

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|-------------------------|------------------------------|--------------|--------------------------|--------------|
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| Midwife (Antenatals)    |                              |              | Monday                   | 2 pm onwards |
| Child Health Clinic     |                              |              | 1st and 3rd Fridays      | 2 pm onwards |
| Chiropody               | Wednesday, Thursday & Friday | 9.00 - 12.00 | Thursday                 | 2 - 5 pm     |
| Dietitian               | 1st Tuesday                  | 9.30 - 12.30 |                          |              |
| Orthoptist              | 2nd Tuesday and 4th Friday   | 9.00 - 12.30 |                          |              |
| Psychiatric Nurse       |                              |              | 1st, 2nd & 4th Wednesday | 2 pm onwards |
| CAMTAD                  | 4th Tuesday                  | 9.00 - 11.30 |                          |              |
| Consultant Pediatrician |                              |              | 3rd Wednesday            | 2 - 5 pm     |

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## Useful telephone numbers

|   |              |
|---|--------------|
| BHN (Editor - Margaret Carpenter)       | 200941       |
| BHN (Commercial adverts - Bunty Waters) | 201421       |
| Church (Rev. Gary Renison)              | 781629       |
| Conservative Party (Iris Lay)           | 205265       |
| Health Centre                           | 780442       |
| Liberal Democrat Party (Tom Flanagan)   | 780571       |
| Library                                 | 273318       |
| Parish Council (Leigh Baffa)            | 780456       |
| Police (PC Kevin Misik)                 | 01223 358966 |
| Pre-School Playgroup                    | 206179       |
| Samaritans                              | 01223 364455 |
| School                                  | 273305       |
| Social Club                             | 206117       |
| Sunshine Pre-School                     | 789099       |
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## Letters to the Editor



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### Victor Brown

Marjorie and the family of Victor, who died on Sunday 27th January at Addenbrooke's hospital, would like to express their most sincere thanks to friends, neighbours and the Bar Hill Bowling Club for their wonderful kindness shown and the many expressions of sympathy received during their sad loss.

A special thanks to the doctors, staff and district nurses of Bar Hill Health Centre for their care of Victor over the past few years.

Finally many thanks to the Reverend Paul Rush who conducted the Service and to all those friends for the great comfort given by their presence at the Cambridge Crematorium and for all the donations received.

*Bill Sedgwick*

Dear Editor,

I don't know whether you have visited Bar Hill's new public house yet - The Fox - but, in my opinion, it is a great improvement over its predecessor: disabled access to all public areas, a no-smoking area, pleasant staff ('pleasant staff' was the only good point of the old Fox!), comfy chairs, hot pub grub served quickly, reasonable drink prices for nowadays, comfortably scaled arrangement of the interior, unobtrusive decor.

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*Keith Morris*

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## Minister's letter

I was in America one St. Patrick's day. I have to say that I was totally amazed at the fervour with which the day was celebrated by our cousins across the pond - rivers flowing with green dye - parades - everyone wearing something green - free drinks on the airlines even! Here was an ethnic patriotism on overdrive. It seems that most Americans have some sort of Irish ancestry - apparently even Mohommad Ali claims to have Irish forbears. American politicians have to be careful not to lose 'the Irish vote' and alter foreign policy accordingly in much the same way as they do with the Jewish vote.

This need to be 'rooted' in an ancient culture outside the USA seems to be endemic in all Americans (excepting native-Americans, of course). When St. Patrick's day comes around again on the 17th, it'll be displayed in all its glory once more. It's easy for us in the 'first world' with all our history to sneer, but the need to have roots with depth is ingrained - to have a 'story' that links our individual lives to something greater. We see something similar in our own country as British people support cricket teams of opposing countries rather than our own. History and ethnicity give us identity, a place to stand.

As we move towards the celebration of Easter, we find again that we are drawn into a history - a story. A loving God who acts decisively to confront the rejection his world has thrown at him. A God whose message to humanity is Jesus. A God whose self-expression in Jesus is to accept rejection (even on a cross) by his people *without* retaliation, revenge or even an outburst of rage ... 'Father, forgive them' ... a radical departure with the concept of meeting force by force - meeting force with love and forgiveness. Easter is the divine stamp of approval on Jesus' life - an earth-shattering new start for a renewed humanity.

THAT is the story that is ours as Christians. That is the story which fired St. Patrick to return to Ireland and shape that country with the gospel of Jesus.

*The Rev'd Paul Rush*

## Stolen!

We were the unfortunate victims of a car theft in Bar Hill, on the night of 24th January. The culprits tried to remove the car radio, without success, but did get away with the removable front which was elsewhere in the car. As this is of no use to them without the radio, they may have discarded this somewhere in the village. Perhaps it has been thrown over your hedge/fence or you may have come across it when walking your dog. It may, or may not, still be in its black case. We would very much appreciate any information regarding this incident. Please contact: 205700.

A Celebration of

### Merrie England

*On the occasion of the Golden  
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Majesty, Queen Elizabeth the  
Second*

The first weekend in June has been set aside for the nationwide celebration of the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Queen's accession. It is planned that Bar Hill will take a full part in these celebrations with street parties and other events as the Village did on the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 1977.

It is hoped that celebrations will take place throughout the following week, culminating in the Bar Hill Fete on June 8<sup>th</sup>. The theme for the event will be Merrie England, in which it may be possible to re-enact some aspects of a mediaeval Fayre. These include Morris dancers, a hog roast, fortune teller, stocks, a genuine town crier, archery, and a mediaeval troop. There will be a Saturday evening concert, hopefully by RADSOC, and probably a cricket match on the Sunday.

If you would like to take part in the fete, or have suggestions to make, please get in touch with: **Roger Hall (780304** or email at **[rogerhall@barhill11.fsnet.co.uk](mailto:rogerhall@barhill11.fsnet.co.uk)**

*Roger Hall, 780304*



## Bar Hill Parish Council



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780456

### Footpaths

After lengthy negotiations with the County Council we are now in a position to finalise details with the contractor. We very much hope this work will start within the next few months.

### Village Hall

Meetings are taking place between the Village Hall Committee and the architect in an attempt to provide the accommodation required for the £750,000 that the Parish Council has allocated for this work. Members of the Committee consist of Parish Councillors and representatives of other interested parties. There will be an update in the Bar Hill News when further progress has been made.

### BMX/Skateboard Park

Unfortunately due to delays the work on the lighting for the Skateboard Park should now commence on 11<sup>th</sup> March.

### Environmental Issues

Please note that from March 2002 there will be a schedule of works located in the Meeting Room window at the Village Hall, along with the Parish Council Minutes. This will be updated on a monthly basis and if you would like to know of any works, such as tree or hedge cutting, being done in the village then please come and have a look at the Schedule. Then if you have any concerns these can be brought up with the Parish Clerk.

### Parish Meetings

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March at 7.00pm and the public is very welcome to attend.

### Handy telephone numbers

Streetlights: (freephone) 0800 253529 give the CCC No. (which is written on the lamppost).

South Cambridgeshire District Council Tel: 01223 443000

Dog Fouling 01223 443012 (see page 279 of your 1999 telephone book for the other services they cover).

Cambridge County Council (damaged paths and roads), Tel: 01223 717111

Leigh Baffa, Parish Clerk

## The Residents' Association

The Bar Hill Residents' Association is the Village's oldest organisation, its inaugural meeting having taken place on 27<sup>th</sup> October 1967, attended by twenty-nine residents.

Its objectives were:

- To promote the interests of Bar Hill
  - To act, when necessary, as an intermediary between residents and other bodies
  - To raise funds for the purpose of promoting the interests of the village.
  - To keep residents informed of matters of interest to them in and around the village
- In general, this involves acting on residents' behalf in areas which are not directly the responsibility of other village organisations. On a practical level, this has involved:
- The publication of the *Bar Hill News* on a monthly basis (apart from January). First published in December 1967 this issue is number 385.
  - The organisation of the Village Fete, first held in September 1968, and each year since 1972.
  - The Annual Fireworks Display. First held as a Guy Fawkes Evening in 1973, and in its present form since 1994.

The Committee members elected in January, are: (as normally shown on the inside front cover)

|                |        |               |
|----------------|--------|---------------|
| Roger Hall     | 780304 | Chairman      |
| Martin Avery   | 781233 | Vice-Chairman |
| Mary Shubotham | 781533 | Secretary     |
| Raja Iyer      | 200910 | Treasurer     |
| Valerie Evans  | 780403 |               |
| Betty Garrett  | 789550 |               |
| Jim Hubbard    | 201270 |               |
| Pat Hubbard    | 201270 |               |
| Raj Iyer       | 200910 |               |
| Linda Mann     | 781875 |               |
| Keith Morris   |        |               |
| Diana Reynolds | 200571 |               |
| Bunty Waters   | 201421 |               |
| Eileen Wilmer  |        |               |

Margaret Carpenter was re-appointed Editor of the *Bar Hill News*, and is an *ex-officio* member of the Committee. Martin Avery was re-appointed Distribution Co-ordinator and Bunty Waters Advertisement Co-ordinator.

The 2002 Village Fete will be held on the Village Green on Saturday, 8<sup>th</sup> of June. It will have an Olde England Theme, its features resembling those of a Mediaeval Fair. This will include (\* not yet confirmed):

- The 'arming' of a knight.
- Armoured combat between knights
- Mediaeval Dances in the 'finest courtly costumes'.
- A hog-roast (\*)
- A fortune-teller (\*)
- Falconry (\*)
- Toxophily
- Stocks

All against the background of a mediaeval tented encampment.

## Funding crisis for care services

The cash crisis affecting care services across the country, revealed in a report released today (Wednesday), is having a serious impact on Cambridgeshire County Council's ability to care for the most vulnerable in society.

The report, launched jointly by the Association of Directors of Social Services (ADSS) and the Local Government Association (LGA), claims that social care services are in "serious jeopardy unless substantial, immediate and long-term financial investment is made."

The growing elderly population and the remorseless rise in the numbers of children being looked after by local authorities are putting budgets under intense pressure.

Councils are on average allocating 10 per cent more to Social Services budgets than the amount calculated by Government. Even this is not enough, with 87 per cent of them predicting an overspend on Social Services this year.

Cambridgeshire's Director of Social Services Liz Railton, who is also Chair of the ADSS Resources Committee said the pressures being faced locally were every bit as severe as those affecting other Councils.

She said: "The County Council yesterday set its budget for 2002/3 and has acknowledged the intense pressures facing care services by allocating £17 million more (18 per cent) than the amount Government calculates we need.

All the extra money has to come from either other services or increased council tax.

"We know that there is much more we could do to help people if we had the funds. For example, we could pay our Foster Carers better - they do a marvellous job caring for the most vulnerable children in this County. We could support many more older people to stay in their own homes, reduce our waiting lists and do more to overcome the problem of delayed discharges from hospitals."

The County Council's Cabinet Member for Social Services, John Powley, described the national report as "extremely worrying."

He added: "Cambridgeshire Social Services has made huge progress in recent years to enable it to provide quality services for children, older people and those with disabilities. We have increased our Foster Carer allowances but we have not got the money to fully fund nationally agreed rates.

Our staff do remarkably well given the financial climate in which they have to work but how much better they could do with fair funding."



# Alan Webber

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## Dry Drayton Art Group

We are having a visit to London on Monday 25th March. The coach will pick up at Bar Hill Library at 9am (Dry Drayton 9.15am) and will take us to The Mall Galleries where we will visit the Royal Institute of Watercolours Exhibition and The Royal Academy.

You are most welcome to join us and spend the day as you wish. We will leave The Mall Galleries at 4.00pm. Tickets £7 per person - available from Sandra Lee 203310 or Margaret Heppell 780429 by 11th March please.

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It is time once again for our Annual General Meeting (Tue. 19th Mar. 8pm in the School Commu-

nity Lounge), which will be attended by P.C. Kevin Misik, our Community Beat Officer, who some of you may not have met. From the Histon sector, Sergeant Terry Cakebread and our Community Contact Co-ordinator Julie Gilbert will be coming along. Mr David Broughton from Trading Standards has also agreed to attend. Why not come along and join us

In the meantime please remember it is important to protect your home. Eight out of ten burglaries occur when a house or flat is empty. However don't just buy a security system on impulse should someone try to sell at your door. Always get specialist advice from your local police or your insurance company. Get quotes from several reputable firms before deciding which system best suits your needs. Check too, that the system meets British Standards.

## Mobile Phones Scam

There is a mobile phone scam going around at the moment and it comes in the form of a text message. The message will say something along the lines of "Please call me on 09011500065 - URGENT" and will say it comes from "KB". DO NOT call this number, it is a premium rate number charged at £5.00 per minute. Also, when you call you will get an engaged tone; this is not a real engaged tone, it is simply a recorded sound that will make you call again and again - and you will be charged every time.

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Jill Smith, 205453,

Village Coordinator

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## A Wood Somewhere

As I entered the wood something was different. Was it the increase in bird song? Was it the early flowers? Was it the leaves starting to show on the branches? All of them I think.

I have been coming to this wood for the past 20 years, the last 4 years with my dog Poppy. I could say that it is typical of any wood anywhere, but no, this is an oak wood with a few scattered ash trees.

The wood at this time of year is a fascinating place to be, albeit in wellies. The wood is still holding a lot of water which is good for the toads who will make their way to the few small ponds in the central clearing to breed again this year.

This wood has a magic all of its own in the winter. Cloudy skies and wind make it seem a foreboding place to be. The trunks seem to have faces, the branches seem to be long fingers pointing and grabbing at you along the various paths that dissect it. In summer it's a place of serene quietness where you can wander the paths and take in the various smells and hardly see any sky above because of the overhead canopy. Autumn is a time of colourful beauty, the leaves going through various colour changes before winter, but spring is a truly magical time. The birds are not only feeding but chasing each other through the branches - not only is the tree sap rising but also that of the birds.

Great Tit, Blue Tit, Long Tailed Tit, Blackbird, Song Thrush, Wren, Chaffinch, Robin, Treecreeper, Woodpigeon, Sparrowhawk, Green and Great Spotted Woodpeckers, Jays, Magpies to name a few, phew! can be seen in the wood. Wild Aurum (Lords and Ladies), Lesser Celandine, Primrose and Bluebell leaves (no flowers yet) are showing. Ground Elder and Ivy are also making a showing.

Above me as I walk along the paths Grey Squirrels 'freeze' on the branches hoping not to be seen, but Poppy's sight, hearing and sense of smell are a

lot more acute than mine, and when she stops and looks upwards it's only a matter of time before I see them as well. What a friend she is, incredible loyalty and the ability to learn through voice and arm movements what is required of her.

She is always ahead of me when we walk and at places where paths cross she will always stop and look round to see which direction I indicate. In places like a wood I keep voice commands to a minimum and use head and hand signals to her. We are a bit like Bill Sykes and Bullseye in *Oliver* - where I am she is, and where she is I am! We are apart as little as can be, she is a truly magnificent friend.

Parts of the wood are older than others, in one area loads of oaks have come down over the years and are all moss and lichen covered. Walking through this part is like walking through a magical forest in a children's fantasy tale. It's such a wonderful sight to see and every time I come to this part of the wood I have to stop and sit on a tree trunk or if not just stand and drink in the beauty before me - 'breathtaking' springs to mind.

The few ash trees have, over the years, become home to the woodpeckers that inhabit the wood. Sometimes when walking through this part of the wood a sudden screech, like something from a 'Hammer Horror' film, makes you stop and look round. It might be a Woodpecker or a Jay that has been disturbed whilst feeding. Nothing more sinister than that lurks in the wood, I hope!

There is a small population of muntjac deer that, very occasionally, can be seen crossing the paths. There is also a badger population living in the wood and have probably been there for many years judging by the signs.

I nod to Poppy to go left, which will bring us back to the car. Wellies off, shoes on. Turn, and a last look at the wood. No tears because I know we will return in a couple of days to walk through this 'Wood Somewhere' again!

*Nick Richardson*

## Newsletter to keep residents up to date on proposed settlement

The first in a series of newsletters is being delivered to residents in Longstanton and Oakington explaining proposals for a new settlement planned for the area.

The Government has called for 60,000 new homes to be built in Cambridgeshire in the next 15 years, including a new settlement near Cambridge. After careful consideration of the options, Longstanton/Oakington was put forward as the proposed location for the settlement by Cambridgeshire County Council as part of the extensive process to form the draft Structure Plan.

A newsletter will be delivered to every household in Longstanton and Oakington, local Parish Councils and it will also be available in surrounding villages at Post Offices and libraries.

Cambridgeshire County Councillor John Reynolds, Lead Member for Strategic Planning, said: "Understandably residents in Longstanton and Oakington have many concerns and questions about the proposed new settlement. In the newsletter we are not only trying to address some of these concerns but also we are asking for residents own questions so we can answer them.

"A massive public consultation exercise is being launched across the County and we want to hear people's views and concerns on the draft Structure Plan.

This is the first of a series of newsletters and I don't pretend that this issue will answer everyone's questions. That is what we will be trying to do in future issues as well as inform people of how and where they can have their say.

"Finding the balance between meeting the Government's housing targets and protecting the unique environment of Cambridge and the surrounding area is one of our hardest challenges. Above all, we want to make sure that any new development is of the highest quality."

A second issue of the newsletter is due out at the beginning of March.



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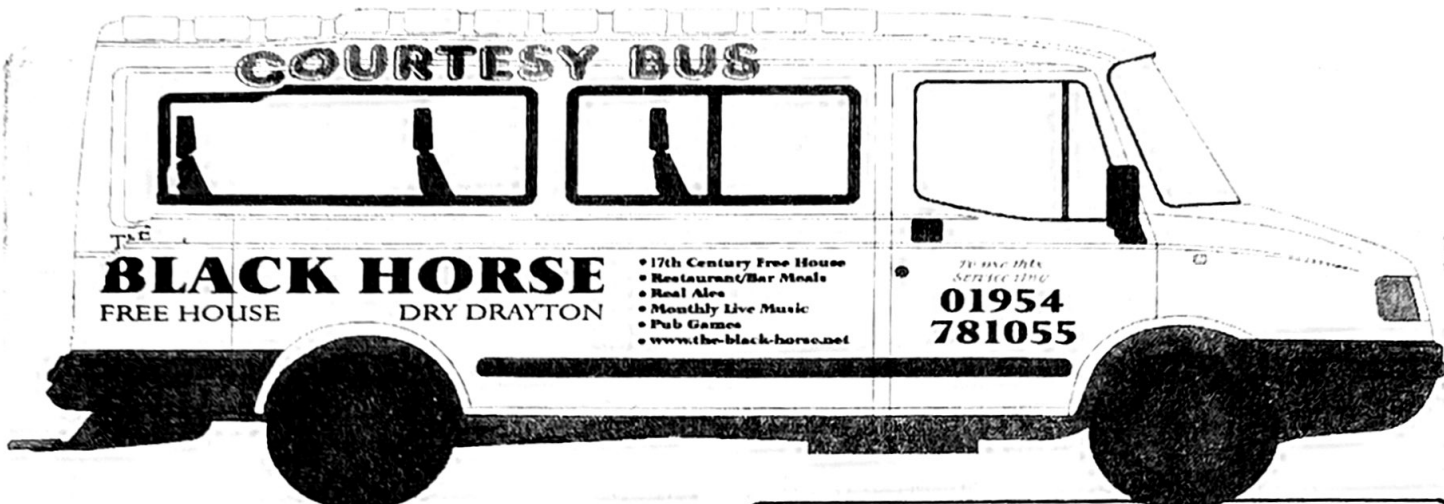
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Each session is structured as follows:- During the first half of the session the children are encouraged to participate in a variety of activities - sand and water play, painting, craft, construction play and activities to develop reading, writing and social skills.

After the break for milk and fruit, comes 'show and tell'. This is where the children talk about an item that they have brought with them or a subject that interests them.

Note that the term after your child's 4th birthday he/she is entitled to 5 sessions a week FREE. We now accept children from the age of 2½ years (providing they are toilet trained).

### Sunbeams

Sunbeams is now 'Pay and Play' for children aged 12-36 months, just come along any Thursday afternoon 1-3pm and your child can play with a variety of toys or join in with the craft activities and, weather permitting, play in the garden. The cost per session is £1.75 so come along and give it a try, everyone is welcome.

### Easter Playdays

There will be two playdays during the

Easter holidays, Wed. 3rd April and Wed. 10th April, 10-12am. There will be a variety of activities, including an egg hunt, face painting and craft activities. On 10th April the bouncy castle will be up, weather permitting. The cost is £1.75 for the first child and £1 for siblings

### Hiring the building

All day weekends and School holidays - the charges are:-

- £5 per hour
- £10 for 'ride on toys'
- £25 for the bouncy castle
- £5 for use of your own bouncy castle
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### Session Times:-

Mon-Fri 9-11.30 & 12.30-3.00 pm.

### Useful numbers

|                            |                       |
|----------------------------|-----------------------|
| Sunshine Building          | 789099                |
| Hiring the building        | Tracy Seekings 200918 |
| Administrator              | Vicky Woods 205497    |
| (before 7pm weekdays only) |                       |

Caroline Rankin 204279

### Childrens' Activities at Easter

We are holding two activity sessions on the Easter theme:

**Easter Activity Morning** - on Thursday 4th April from 10.00am to 12 noon in the Octagon for those children in year 2 and below. It will include crafts, singing, prayer, games ..... and we will have lots of fun. Parents of very young children may be required to stay.

**Easter Celebration** - on Thursday 4th April from 3.00pm to 5.00pm in the Church for children between school years 3 and 6. The celebration will include worship, teaching, prayer and more reflecting the Easter story.

To book a place for either of these two sessions please ring Claire Thorby on 206120 or 781527.



We still have one or two unlet allotment plots this year and anyone interested is invited to contact Paul Lloyd on 200591

If anyone would like to view the site (in daylight hours) before taking a plot then I would be glad show him or her around.

Keith Morris, 782441

## Stepping Stones

The next Stepping Stones (previously known as the Pre School Service) is on Friday 22nd March from 1.45pm until 2.45pm in the Octagon. It is a time for coffee, conversation and play for parents, carers and their pre-school children ending with a time of worship. You can just turn up but if you would like more information please contact Claire Thorby on 206120 or 781527.

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## Sports and Social Club

It's AGM time again and ours is on Wednesday 27th March at 8pm in the Village Hall. All members are invited to attend. In the Club now are nomination forms for the officers posts and the committee positions. If you are interested please feel free to sign the forms.

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome Ernest Wepener, who has recently joined us on a full time basis. He will, I know, be a very welcome helping hand to Barry Knightley, our steward.

Some refurbishment has taken place in the Club. I hope all members appreciate the decision to target areas of greatest need rather than a blanket refurbishment.

We eagerly await a decision on the future of the Village Hall and who knows perhaps some progress can be reported at the AGM.

### Entertainments this month include:

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Welcome to The Bar Hill Pre-School Playgroup.

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The playgroup is a non profit making, community playgroup. We encourage parental involvement and the playgroup is run by a volunteer parent committee. There is the opportunity to "parent help" in some sessions. This not only allows you to be a part of playgroup life but also substantially reduces your fees.

The aim of our community playgroup is to enhance the personal and social development of **all** children placed in our care. This is achieved through the various activities we have in our **two rooms**, which provides the educational setting required by OFSTED. Our friendly staff team – Sonya, Julie and Sylvia run all of our sessions.

#### Session times: -

|                     |                 |
|---------------------|-----------------|
| Mon, Wed & Thu.     | 9.15 - 11.45 am |
| Tue. 'Playtots'     | 9.30 - 11.00 am |
| Tue.                | 12.15 - 2.45 pm |
| Fri. 'Rising Fives' | 9.15 - 12.45 am |

(packed lunch to be provided by parents.)

#### Information

We pride ourselves on our warm and friendly atmosphere, which we believe helps children to feel comfortable and more able to develop their social skills. We have a wide range of equipment to encourage children to experiment with various types of play. This includes a slide, climbing frame, a playhouse, various dressing-up clothes, a Brio train set, a sand/water play area, a painting area, a book corner and too many puzzles and games to mention!

Each session is well balanced, incorporating a timetable of events in both rooms. Our **Craft Room** provides us with the facilities to develop mathematics, scientific reasoning and Information Technology through a series of topics that incorporate the use of all the equip-

ment.

If you would like to call in and see what we offer, please do. The staff will be happy to see you. Our recent OFSTED inspection report is held at Playgroup and we would be glad to show it to you.

#### Playtots

This is run by Sonya on a Tuesday morning and is an excellent way for your tiny tots to get used to the idea of playgroup. The starting age is just **One Year old** until **Two and a half**. It is popular with both parents and childminders and really gives children the chance to enjoy playing and crafts. We want to give parents maximum time to enjoy playing with their children and to have a well-deserved break, so no tidying or clearing up duties. The playgroup takes care of that. Tea and Coffee is available for adults, and children are given a drink and a biscuit as part of the entrance fee. The other good news is that it is "pay on the day" so you don't lose out if you can't make it one week.

Come and see us, no need to book, just turn up on the day.

#### Nursery Grant

Under the Nursery Grant Scheme, if your child is eligible, he/she is entitled to **5 free sessions per week**. Please ring Julie Jolley on **780445** for more information.

#### Places

For places ring Julie Jolley on **780445**. Application forms are available at Playgroup, The Library and the foyer of the Village Hall.

#### Subsidised places

We are happy to offer subsidised places to parents on Income Support or Family Credit. Any such request will go before the committee together with supporting documentation supplied by the applicant and will be dealt with on an individual basis. Requests would be dealt with in a confidential manner.

Please note that we also offer discounts if your child attends more than 4 sessions per week.

Only one discount/subsidy will be allowed per child. Please call our administrator, Julie Jolley, on **780445** for more information.

*Anna Moorhouse*

### **£100,000 funding for childcare places in Cambridgeshire**

More new childcare places will be created across Cambridgeshire thanks to the efforts of the Cambridgeshire Care and Education Partnership and money from the New Opportunities Fund.

The Partnership has secured £106,000 to create 87 new childcare places for pre-school children and 156 new out-of-school club places for 5-14 year olds. The awards stretch across the county and many of the new places are expected to be available from April 2002.

Graham Arnold, Business and Finance Manager for the Care and Education Partnership, said: "Once again, the Partnership has shown its effectiveness in obtaining funding to create new childcare places.

This has been a team effort, and the Partnership development workers are working constantly to support pre-school and out-of-school groups to prepare bids.

"Most of the groups rely heavily on volunteers, so this is a fantastic achievement for all of them. Their communities will benefit from the additional childcare, giving parents and carers more choice and more flexibility to work.

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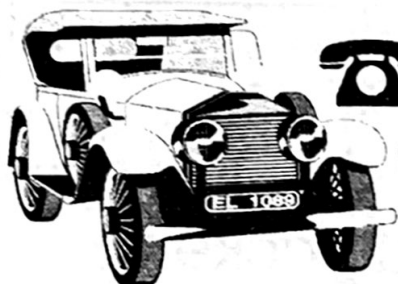
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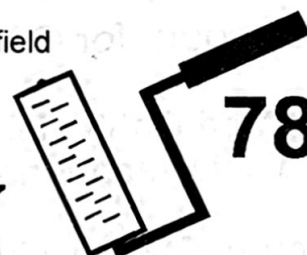
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If you have young children visiting occasionally borrow some of our toys to keep them entertained.

**Easter Playday**

Tuesday 9th April 10-11.30am at the Church. Come and join us for an egg hunt, a colouring competition, face painting and biscuit decorating. Entry fee only £1 to members or £2 for non-members, per family.

**Nearly New Sale**

Saturday 27th April 2 - 3pm at Bar Hill School

Condition forms for sellers are available from Tracy. Goods for sale must be brought to the school on Friday 26th April between 7.40pm and 8.00pm. Unsold items must be collected from the School after 5pm on Saturday 27th April. It would help us if you could sort clothing between boys, girls and babies etc and mark all items clearly with the price, and the seller number. Completed condition forms must be returned, by 20th April. For seller number or further information call Tracy on 200918.

**Cake Stall**

The next cake stall will be in May.

For more information about Toy Library pick up a copy of our latest Newsletter at Toy Library sessions (see teddy for times), visit our website at i.am/barhilltoylibrary or ring Avril on 782431



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**Table Tennis**

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Lots of news so on we go.....

Thanks, to all the players' parents, for their support in getting us to Haddenham last December.



**Nathan Dean and Chris Ostler.  
Doubles Winners**

Most recently we had a little tournament against Bar Hill Youth Club. I simply must thank **Kevin Hard** and all his guys, for coming along and having a few games. I hope they had as much fun as we did.

During February we have been invited to take part in the CTTA County Championships. I'll let you know how we get on, next issue.

Our Intermediates group is still in need of more Parental/Adult help, just being another pair of eyes and ears, to look after the youngsters in the Club. If you can help, even on an occasional basis, then please contact us. No Table Tennis experience necessary.

Finally, our players have just this week all got their **new club polo shirts**, (a nice royal blue, with white logo).

**See you all soon!**

*Barry Dean*

**SESSION TIMES**

|                     |                        |
|---------------------|------------------------|
| <b>Juniors</b>      | <b>7:00 - 8:00 pm</b>  |
| <b>Intermediate</b> | <b>8:00 - 9:00 pm</b>  |
| <b>Seniors</b>      | <b>8:00 - 10:00 pm</b> |

**CONTACT NAMES**

**Brian Howard - 781945**  
 (Intermediates & Seniors)  
**Barry Dean - 205670 (Juniors)**



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At each session there is a wide choice of things to make or do, for example painting, messy play, sand, play dough, prams, bikes, Duplo, large activity toys, books, puzzles and much more. In the summer we have a safe enclosed garden to play in with lots of outdoor toys.

Sessions are held in the Church Centre every Monday - Friday during term time from 9.45 - 11.15 am. (Wed. is for 12-18 months only).

**Pay and Play**

Our Pay and Play session is on a Monday morning (9.45 to 11.15). This session is run the same as a normal toddler session except you do not have commit to coming every week, you can just turn up and pay. It costs £1.75 (£1 siblings) and is open to all pre-school children. Come along and join in the fun.

**New committee**

It's that time of year again when we are looking for willing volunteers to replace us tired old members on the toddler committee. If you are able to spare a few hours a month then please see the notice board or speak to our supervisors during the sessions.

**AGM**

This year's AGM will take place on Wednesday 27th March at 8pm in the meetings room at the Octagon. All are welcome.

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## 8 O'Clock Club

The 8 O'Clock Club meets on the first Thursday of each month in the School. We are a women's group and have speakers, demonstrations and outings.

### Diary dates

**7th March** - Birthday Party - Tickets will be on sale for members only at the February meeting

**4th April** - No meeting, School closed.

If you are interested in joining please come along to one of our meetings or phone me on 204171.

Barbara Page

## Bar Hill Childminders

For information and up-to-date list of registered childminders with vacancies phone Jacky Amey 780249.

We have a weekly 'drop-in' known as 'coffee & kids' in the Octagon each Thursday morning 10.00-11.30am run by childminders but open to all parents and carers of pre-school children. Entrance is £1 which includes refreshments for both adults and children.

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### Diary Dates

**Mon 4th Mar** - Colour in your world -: Yellow for St. David's day. At: 55 Acorn Avenue

**Thu 21st Mar** - Train spotting NWR style. Bring a story, poem, news report (anything to read to the rest of the group) At: 31 Acorn Avenue

**Mon 8th Apr** - Planning meeting. At: 15 Partridge Drive

**Thu 25th Apr** - Hat debate. At: 20 Fieldview

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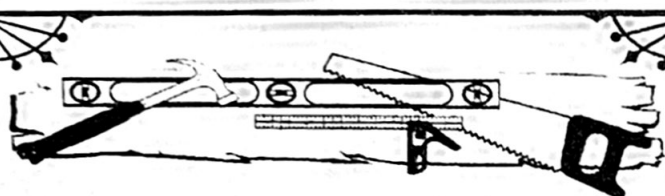
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## Dangerous roads survey backs County's findings

Transport bosses in Cambridgeshire have welcomed a survey released on Monday by the AA highlighting accident blackspots across the UK.

The figures reflect the finding of Cambridgeshire County Council who have been working hard to reduce deaths on the region's roads. Excessive speed is reckoned to be a factor in a third of all accidents.

Cambridgeshire County Councillor Shona Johnstone, Cabinet Member for Environment and Transport, said: "One of the County's key targets is to reduce casualties on Cambridgeshire's roads. Last year we saw a massive drop in the number of people killed or seriously injured on the County's roads. This is due, in part, to our comprehensive road safety initiatives which we run in partnership with other agencies, such as the police. These range from physical traffic calming measures to safety cameras and driver education. But we cannot afford to be complacent as on average on person is killed each week on the County's roads."

The A10 between Ely and Cambridge was highlighted as having a poor accident record. The County Council took over responsibility of this road last year and our Road safety chiefs have been looking at the accident spots we inherited to find ways of combating the problem.

Although the A14 is one of the most busiest roads in Cambridgeshire the figures, released by the AA, showed it had a low to average accident rate - coming 664th out of more than 800 roads.

Councillor Johnstone added: "This report backs up our own findings. For the amount of traffic travelling on the A14 it does have fewer accidents.

However, when one accident happens it causes problems for the whole of the surrounding road network. The real problem with the A14 is the sheer amount of traffic using it and the congestion it causes. That is why we, now with support from the CHUMMS study, have been calling for improvements to the A14 and better public transport links."



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As part of the Jubilee Week celebrations we are planning to compile a small Jubilee Cook Book to be sold to benefit Bar Hill Church Funds. We are seeking recipes which have been enjoyed by and are memorable to Bar Hill residents and their families, especially if it was used around the Coronation or Silver Jubilee. An anecdote to accompany this is particularly sought. Regional dishes are welcome too to reflect the areas from which we have come.

Help will be appreciated to type the recipes up and/or design a cover.

Please try to submit at least one of your family favourites.

For more information or offers of help please contact Sue Kenchington 780260

An invitation to all Bar Hill Senior Citizens to a

## Jubilee Tea Party

'Happy Hours' and 'Knit and Natter' are jointly organising a tea party for all senior Citizens of Bar Hill.

This will be held on 6th June from 2.00 - 4.30pm at the Octagon. As well as a traditional afternoon tea there will be some entertainment!

For further information and to secure your place at the celebration please contact Sue Kenchington 780260, Ruby Hunt 201384 or Phyllis James 201127.

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We play on our own floodlit courts behind the School and welcome players of all abilities. We play socially for fun and to keep fit and also run teams competing in the local league. We have a very active junior section with coaching provided for the youngsters. We normally expect to start our season late April/early May depending on the weather and have plenty of court hours available for members outside the normal Club nights.

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### Behind the scenes

#### Charter standard

As part of our club development we have adopted the FA's Child Protection policy which means all managers, coaches and helpers have to fill in personal disclosure forms - this means a safe environment for players to enjoy football. Over the last two months twelve managers/coaches have attained the Junior Team Managers Award - this now means the club now have 14 qualified coaches in total, delivering improved quality coaching on a weekly basis. The club will be assessed for the F.A. Charter Standard Award in the near future.

#### Valentine's Disco

The Valentine Disco held on February 16<sup>th</sup> was a great success. A big thank you to Lisa for a magnificent effort, and to Paul Prime for his part in

organising what turned out to be a profitable evening. An amazing £500 was raised.

Thanks also to all the help given to Lisa and Paul behind the bar by Jairo, Paul Thorby, and Ian. It was very much appreciated.

Look out for future entertainment on this page.

#### Floodlit training pitch

A big thank you to all the managers and coaches who gave up their time to help clear the pitch.

#### Presentation Evening

The committee will soon be meeting to discuss changes to the presentation evening.

#### Lottery

The Cambridge City Lottery is still available for those wishing to buy. As in last month's issue, you can buy them from any club officer or manager listed below.

#### Results

So far this year, the weather has been very inclement. Even so, most teams, especially the younger ones, have managed to complete most of their fixtures.

#### Mini League

##### U9C

The Under 9 Jets have been going very well. On Jan 19<sup>th</sup>, they beat Chatteris 'B' by 4 goals to 1, with 2 goals scored by Jake Hayden-Smith, and 1 goal each for Chris Benstead and Nicholas Warner.

On Jan 26<sup>th</sup>, they lost narrowly to Willingham Wolves 2 - 1. Chris Benstead was the scorer for the Jets.

On Feb 9<sup>th</sup>, the Jets won 3 - 0 away at Bluntisham 'A'. Nicholas Warner scored twice, and Dominic Gedny scored the other.

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These boys certainly know where the back of the net is. Well done, and keep on scoring!

#### U10

On Jan 19<sup>th</sup>, the Under 10 Allstars beat Papworth 2 - 1, with goals from Scott Wilson and Ben Gawthrope.

This was followed by a 3-0 win at Bluntisham on Feb 16<sup>th</sup>. By all accounts this was an excellent game, and the prolific Scott Wilson scored his sixth hat-trick of the season. Well done Scott, and to all of you Allstars.

#### U14

The Under 14s played an eagerly awaited return match against Littleport Town on Feb 3<sup>rd</sup>. Having won at Littleport by the only goal of the game earlier in the season, the visitors managed to exact revenge in what was a thrilling match. I know the boys enjoyed the game, as they have not had a lot to smile about this season. But their spirit is good, and they are beginning to play some neat football and surprise teams in the return fixtures.

Cheers *Dave Allsopp*

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### **(The recycled youth club)**

Following the retirement of Jimmy James, his wife Phyllis was set to write this column, but with so many other commitments, has decided not to do so. I have therefore been asked to supply you with the news.

### **Sickness**

During the past month a number of our members have suffered colds etc. but most of them seem to have recovered. Betty Garnett has been attending hospital for treatment for the past five weeks, but this seems to have been successful, and I am pleased to say she is now back with us. Edna Birley is recovering from her broken arm. Edna is always cheerful, and we wish her better health this year. Eileen Shears had to be taken to hospital by ambulance after a fall at home. Lily Neal and Doris Gray have also had recent falls. Barbara Lloyd has a fractured hand, Olive Barber has recently recovered from shingles, and Olwen Goodwin has had problems with her back.

We are sorry to record the death of Len Stanford, our oldest member, who died in hospital just before Christmas.

### **Membership.**

We now have a membership of about 80, with usually between 60 and 70 attending each Monday. It is a real tonic to see so many of our senior citizens enjoying such good company, with games, entertainment and much laughter. If you are retired, over 55 years and live in Bar Hill, why 'not come and try our Club, you may enjoy it!

### **Entertainment.**

We were recently entertained by Mr. Eric Jacobs, with many slides, some going back to the early 1900's, and a talk about old Cambridge. It was very interesting, especially to those who were born in the Cambridge area, We gave him our thanks, and a donation towards his Multiple Sclerosis Charity.

### **Raffle.**

Our first raffle of the year, held on

Monday 4th. February, raised the wonderful sum of £50.00 which has been presented to Bar Hill Junior School to help Mrs. Firth obtain new instruments for her percussion group. This was to show our appreciation for the way the children have entertained us during the past year. Many thanks to our members for giving the raffle prizes, 28 in all, and their support.

### **Holidays.**

A holiday is being arranged to the Lake District from Monday 22nd to Friday 26th April. Names are being taken by Phyllis James,

*Dennis Holt, 780948*



Three members of this Branch attended the 79th Annual County Conference at Cottenham Village College.

Tony Pepper, the County Field Officer said the latest figure for the Poppy Appeal 2001/2 stood at £17m and was well on course to reach its target of £21m by its close on 31st May. He regretted that the number of Poppy Appeal organisers had dropped substantially as had the 'house-to-house' collectors, but the latter had been helped by the number of supermarkets allowing collections to be made in their premises. The Newmarket Race Day had a great success again last year in producing a net profit of £65,000 for the Poppy Appeal. Turning to his main duty as County Welfare Officer he said that during the year 208 applications for assistance had been dealt with, resulting in the award of financial grants amounting to £66,000, of which they had been able to almonise £56,000 (76% of the spend). That amounts to only £10,000 of the financial help given came from the Legion's Central Benevolent Fund. This almonised funding is essential if the Legion is to meet all its welfare commitments in the future.

There will be a Group Meeting at 7.30pm on Monday 11th March in the Village Hall.

Our next Branch Meeting will be at 7.30pm on Thursday 28th March also in the Village Hall.

*E.A. Patrick*

## **Have you ever considered joining a bowls club ?**

Longstanton Bowls Club has several members from Bar Hill. Why not come along and join them? The bowls green is on the recreation ground at Over Road, Longstanton. The game of bowls offers opportunities for making new friends, gentle exercise and entertainment.

The new season begins on Saturday 28 April at 2 pm and beginners, as well as experienced bowlers, are welcome to come along. The annual subscription is £20 (£15 for senior citizens).

If you decide bowls is for you, then you would need to purchase a pair of proper bowls shoes and a set of bowls (bowls can often be purchased second hand as experienced bowlers often change their bowls for heavier or lighter ones).

All members of the Club play in at least one league, which gives on average one match per week during the season which runs through the summer to the first week in September. Fees per match are £1.50, and there are always refreshments at the end of the match as well as an opportunity to chat with members of both teams. Away matches give members an opportunity to travel to other Clubs' greens in Cambridge and District. As a new bowler, if you wish to take part in our beginners league, please join the Club as soon as possible as the schedule is made up before the start of the season.

Monday evenings are Club evenings when bowlers go along to the green to practise, although this is done in a mildly competitive manner by running a bowls drive. Come along on any Monday evening after that date to try your hand. If you just want to watch and see what happens then that's free too!

Hope to see you at the beginning of the season!

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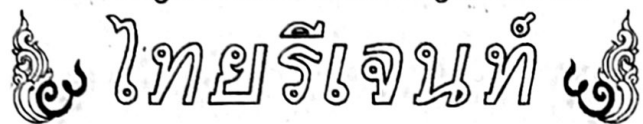
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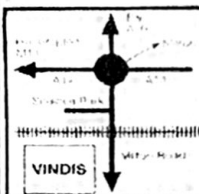
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## Church Services

|           |         |  |                                    |
|-----------|---------|--|------------------------------------|
| Fri. 1st  | 7.30pm  | Women's World Day of Prayer<br>held at Bar Hill School | Preacher: Rev Hilary Cheng         |
| Sun. 3rd  | 10.00am | Morning Worship & Family Communion                     | Preacher: Rev Paul Rush            |
|           | 6.30pm  | Informal Worship                                       | Led by Rev Paul Rush               |
| Sun. 10th | 8.00am  | Holy Communion   |                                    |
|           | 10.00am | Mothering Sunday Morning Worship                       | Preacher: Rev Paul Rush            |
|           | 6.30pm  | Evening Prayer   | Led by Rev Paul Rush               |
| Sun. 17th | 10.00am | Morning Worship & Holy Communion                       | Preacher: Rev Stephen Burgess      |
|           | 6.30pm  | Prayer & Praise  | Led by Mrs Sheila Bull             |
| Sun. 24th | 10.00am | Palm Sunday Family Parade Service                      | Preacher: Rev Paul Rush            |
|           | 6.30pm  | Communion Service                                      | Preacher: Mr Bryon Bache           |
| Wed. 27th | 10.00am | Midweek Communion                                      |                                    |
| Thu. 28th | 8.00pm  | Maundy Thursday Communion                              | Leaders: Mr Leo & Rev Hilary Cheng |
| Fri. 29th | 10.00am | Good Friday 'Reflection' Service                       | Leader: Mr Bob Chappell            |
| Sun. 31st | 6.00am  | Dawn Service   |                                    |
|           | 10.00am | Easter Day Family Communion                            | Preacher: Rev Paul Rush            |
|           |         | No evening service                                     |                                    |



### People to contact:

The Assistant Minister: Rev Paul Rush **204812**  
 Acting Church Secretary: Mrs. Marilyn Collins **780745**,  
 Church Administrator: Mrs. Claire Thorby (Tel. & Fax **206120**)

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 Tue: 8am & 7.30 pm

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 also 6pm at Bar Hill Church Centre

Holydays of Obligation: 8 am, 10 am, 7.30 pm  
 Sacrament of Reconciliation: Tue. 6.45 pm (not after Mass)

Sat: 10.30 - 11.15 am, 4.30 - 5.15 pm, 7.00 - 7.45 pm

Details of other services are published in the weekly newsletter which is available at the 6 pm Mass each Saturday -  
 copies are available in the Church Centre.

### Library Opening Times

|           |                  |
|-----------|------------------|
| Monday    | 2.00pm - 6.00pm  |
| Tuesday   | Closed           |
| Wednesday | 10.00am - 6.00pm |
| Thursday  | 2.00pm - 8.00pm  |
| Friday    | 2.00pm - 8.00pm  |
| Saturday  | 9.30am - 1.00pm  |
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|             |      |                  |  |                           |                      |
|-------------|------|------------------|--|---------------------------|----------------------|
| Fri.        | 1st  | 7.30 pm          | Women's World Day of Prayer                                    | Church                    | School               |
| Mon.        | 4th  | 8.00 pm          | Colour in your world   | National Women's Register | 55 Acorn Avenue      |
| Thu.        | 7th  | 7.30pm           | Electronic Darkroom Training - 'Preparing for the final image' | Swavesey Camera Club      | Lecture Room SVC     |
|             |      | 8.00pm           | Birthday Party   | 8 O'Clock Club            | School               |
| Wed.        | 13th | 7.00pm           | Meeting  | Parish Council            | Village Hall         |
| Thu.        | 14th | 7.30pm           | Set Subject Competition 'Contrast'                             | Swavesey Camera Club      | Lecture Room SVC     |
| Sun.        | 17th |                  | St. Patrick's Day  | Sports & Social Club      | Village Hall         |
| Thu.        | 21st | 7.30pm           | Joseph'  | Church/Village            | Church Centre        |
|             |      | 7.30pm           | New Colour Work'   | Swavesey Camera Club      | Lecture Room SVC     |
|             |      | 8.00 pm          | Train spotting - NWR style                                     | National Women's Register | 55 Acorn Avenue      |
| Fri.        | 22nd | 1.45 - 2.45pm    |  | Stepping Stones           | Octagon              |
|             |      | 7.30pm           | Joseph'  | Church/Village            | Church Centre        |
| Sat.        | 23rd | 7.30pm           | Joseph'  | Church/Village            | Church Centre        |
| Sun.        | 24th | 8.00am           | Holy Communion   | Church                    | Church Centre        |
|             |      | 10.00am          | Family Parade Service  | Church                    | Church Centre        |
|             |      | 6.30pm           | Communion Service  | Church                    | Church Centre        |
| Mon.        | 25th | 9.00am           | Visit to London's Galleries                                    | Dry Drayton Art Group     | The Mall             |
| Wed.        | 27th | 8.00pm           | AGM  | Sports & Social Club      | Village Hall         |
|             |      | 8.00 pm          | AGM  | Tots & Teds               | Octagon              |
| Thu.        | 28th | 7.30pm           | The other side of the counter'                                 | Swavesey Camera Club      | Lecture Room SVC     |
|             |      | 7.30pm           | Meeting  | Royal British Legion      | Village Hall         |
|             |      | 8.00pm           | Maundy Thursday Communion                                      | Church                    | Church Centre        |
| Fri.        | 29th | 10.00 am         | Reflection' Service  | Church                    | Church Centre        |
|             |      | 9.00pm           | Janerio- 60s - 2000s vocal trio                                | Sports & Social Club      | Village Hall         |
| Sat.        | 30th |                  | Children's Easter Disco  | Sports & Social Club      | Village Hall         |
| Sun.        | 31st | 6.00 am          | Dawn Service   | Church                    | Church Centre        |
|             |      | 10.00am          | Family Communion   | Church                    | Church Centre        |
| <b>Apr.</b> |      |                  |  |                           |                      |
| Wed.        | 3rd  | 10.00 - 12.00 am | Playday  | Sunshine Pre-School       | Sunshine building    |
| Thu.        | 4th  | 10.00 - 12.00 am | Children's Activities at Easter                                |                           | Octagon              |
|             |      | 3.00 - 5.00 pm   | Children's Activities at Easter                                |                           | Octagon              |
|             |      | 7.30pm           | Monochrome portfolio competition                               | Swavesey Camera Club      | Lecture Room SVC     |
| Mon.        | 8th  | 8.00pm           | Planning meeting   | National Women's Register | 15 Partridge Drive   |
| Tue.        | 9th  | 10.00 - 11.30am  | Easter Playday   | Toy Library               | Church               |
| Wed.        | 10th | 10.00 - 12.00 am | Playday (Bouncy castle !!!)                                    | Sunshine Pre-School       | Sunshine building    |
| Thu.        | 11th | 7.30pm           | Portraiture: A practical evening'                              | Swavesey Camera Club      | Lecture Room SVC     |
| Thu.        | 18th | 7.30pm           | Sports Allsorts'   | Swavesey Camera Club      | Lecture Room SVC     |
| Wed.        | 24th | 7.30pm           | My Fair Lady   | RADSOC                    | Swavesey VC          |
| Thu.        | 25th | 7.30pm           | Oversized prints' & 'Freelance: the first 3 years'             | Swavesey Camera Club      | Lecture Room SVC     |
|             |      | 7.30pm           | My Fair Lady   | RADSOC                    | Swavesey VC          |
|             |      | 8.00pm           | Hat Debate   | National Women's Register | 20 Fieldview         |
| Fri.        | 26th | 7.30pm           | My Fair Lady   | RADSOC                    | Swavesey VC          |
| Sat.        | 27th | 2.00 - 3.00 pm   | Nearly New Sale  | Toy Library               | School               |
|             |      | 7.30pm           | My Fair Lady   | RADSOC                    | Swavesey VC          |
| <b>May</b>  |      |                  |  |                           |                      |
| Thu.        | 2nd  | 7.30pm           | Annual Colour Print Competition                                | Swavesey Camera Club      | Lecture Room SVC     |
| Thu.        | 9th  | 7.30pm           | Prints for show & prints for dough'                            | Swavesey Camera Club      | Lecture Room SVC     |
| Thu.        | 16th | 7.30pm           | Electronic Darkroom Training 'The Final Image'                 | Swavesey Camera Club      | Lecture Room SVC     |
| Tue.        | 21st | 2.15 - 3.45 pm   | Session - Cake Stall   | Toy Library               | Church Meeting Rooms |
| Thu.        | 23rd | 7.30pm           | En-print Competition'  | Swavesey Camera Club      | Lecture Room SVC     |
| Thu.        | 30th | 7.30pm           | AGM  | Swavesey Camera Club      | Lecture Room SVC     |
| <b>June</b> |      |                  |  |                           |                      |
| Thu.        | 6th  | 7.30pm           | Annual Dinner and competition trophy presentations             | Swavesey Camera Club      | Lecture Room SVC     |
| Sat.        | 8th  | 2pm              | Fete   | Residents' Association    | Village Green        |
| <b>July</b> |      |                  |  |                           |                      |
| Tue.        | 23rd | 2.15 - 3.45 pm   | Session - Cake Stall   | Toy Library               | Church Meeting Rooms |